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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Secretary

FROM: EAP - William Clark, Jr., Acting

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with National People's Congress Standing
Committee Chairman Wan Li

Date: May 22

Location: Henry Clay Room

Time: 4:00 p.m.

I. PURPOSE

- o To brief Wan Li on your recent ministerial meetings in Moscow, receive his impressions of Sino-Soviet relations and PRC domestic scene, and discuss US-China policy in context of possible next steps in PRC reform.

II. KEY POINTS

- o Wan Li, Politburo member and Chairman of China's National People's Congress (NPC), will be the first high-level visitor from the PRC after the Sino-Soviet summit and during this time of massive popular demonstrations in China in support of political reform.
- o Wan will arrive in the US after spending a period of time in Canada; he was not in Beijing during the recent summit and may not be conversant on details of Gorbachev's meetings with PRC leaders. This is nonetheless a good opportunity to brief him on your recent talks with Shevardnadze and to receive his initial read-out on the Beijing summit and the implications of the popular demonstrations in China. Your meeting will be Wan Li's second high-level appointment. He will be coming to meet you directly following his meeting with the Vice President. He meets with the President on May 23, Secretary Cheney on May 24 and Secretary Mosbacher on May 26.

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SINO-SOVIET SUMMIT

- o The Gorbachev visit to China has ended with the restoration of state and party ties. The two sides issued a joint communique detailing the general principles governing their normalization.
- o There were no substantive surprises in the communique. Beijing and Moscow laid out plans to discuss reducing military forces along their border and raise their border demarcation talks to the ministerial level if necessary.
- o Summit discussions on Cambodia produced no breakthroughs. The language of the communique reflected ongoing disagreement over the shape of an internal political settlement and the need for an international peace-keeping force.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

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The Secretary
P - U/S Kimmitt
C - Robert Zoellick
S/P - Dennis Ross
PA A/S Tutwiler
Ambassador Lilley
EAP Acting Dep. Ass't. Sec'y. Williams
EAP A/S-Designate Solomon
B. Euser, EAP/CM notetaker
Vivian Chang, interpreter

PRC

Wan Li, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National
People's Congress and member of the Politburo
Cao Zhi, Deputy Secretary-General NPC Standing Committee
Zhu Qizhen, Vice Foreign Minister
Gu Ming, Vice Chairman of the Law Committee of the NPC
Han Xu, PRC Ambassador to the US
Shi Guobao, NPC Director of the Foreign Affairs Department
Zhang Husheng, NPC Information Department Director
Zhang Yijun, MFA
Wang Shunsheng, Secretary to Chairman Wan Li
Yang Jiechi, Interpreter

IV. PRESS COVERAGE

Photo opportunity in the Ben Franklin room preceding the
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